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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted in a prior application, Serial No. 09/359,809, filed on July 23, 1999, upon which Applicant relies on for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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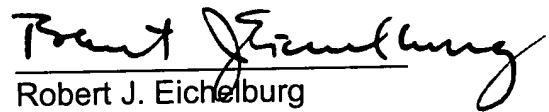
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